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Mr. Kevin Schanilez
US EPA Region X
Mail Stop H-112
1200 - 6th Avenue
Seattle, WA 98101

RE: YAKIMA AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH LABORATORY - YAKIMA, WASHINGTON

Dear Mr. Schanilez:

On January 20 the Certificate of Closure for Hazardous Waste Septic Tank System and supporting documents regarding Yakima Agricultural Research Laboratory at 3706 W. Nob Hill Blvd., Yakima, Washington 98902, were submitted to your Agency for review and concurrence. Agricultural Research Service (ARS) is anxious to finalize this project so that we can focus our attention and resources on other matters.

We are aware that the original order was signed by Washington State Department of Ecology (WDOE) and that the EPA was only assigned oversight responsibility. As of this time you have not decided who will actually sign off on the project.

Per our conversation on February 20, a meeting is scheduled for March 27, 1992, at 10:00 A.M. in your office to discuss in detail the EPA's position on the project. As stated in our telephone conversation of February 27, WDOE has also been invited to participate in this meeting. Representatives for the Government will include George Sundstrom, Agency Environmental Specialist, Hong West and Associates (our contractor), and myself, Area Safety and Health Manager.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to phone. My number is 510-559-6004.

Sincerely,

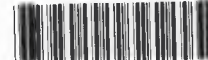
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